

**Science program's  
panel releases report  
on regulatory actions**

A panel of experts convened by the Delta Science Program has [released its report](#) on the implementation of regulatory actions taken on certain state and federal water projects. [The review](#) focuses primarily on the actions of the National Marine Fisheries Service on Clear Creek and the spring 2010 Delta operations joint stipulation agreement for water operations and fisheries.

**Foundation sets  
dates for tours  
of Delta, river**

The Water Education Foundation has released the [schedule](#) for its 2013 water tours. It includes a [Bay-Delta tour](#) on June 12-14 and a [San Joaquin River tour](#) on November 7-8. The tours offer looks at water facilities, rivers, and regions involved in the debate about the future of water resources.

**Brown bag series  
looks at Delta  
watershed changes**

The changes in the Delta watershed over the last few years will be the topic of a noon-time presentation on Tuesday, Dec. 18, in Sacramento. The Delta Science Program's brown bag series will feature a look at the system-wide changes that have taken place since the Bay-Delta Plan took effect in 2006. Details are available [here](#).

**Workshop on flood  
frequency analysis to  
be held next month**

The first of a two-part [workshop on flood frequency analysis](#) will be hosted by the Floodplain Management Association and the U.S. Geological Survey on Monday, Jan. 14, in Sacramento. There will be discussion on flood frequency concepts, and the value of long-term and historic flood records. The registration deadline is Monday, Jan. 7.

**Forecast tool suggests  
drier than normal year  
for most of California**

An experimental forecast tool suggests most of California will experience drier than normal conditions through April. DWR recently convened a meeting of researchers to discuss the development of an experimental statistical forecast. Details on the meeting and some of the elements used in the forecast are available [here](#). Related information is available on DWR's [drought webpage](#).

**Survey provides  
insight on irrigation  
methods used in state**

Using a survey sent out to California growers, DWR has put together an overview of irrigation methods used throughout the state. The result is an Excel spreadsheet detailing the results of the Statewide Irrigation Methods Survey. A link to the spreadsheet is available on the [DWR website](#). It can be adjusted to look at irrigation methods in specific regions. There are also survey results from 1991 and 2001.

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